CHAPTER NO. 624

SENATE BILL NO. 2097

By Burchett, Crowe, Burks

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2208

By Harry Brooks, Todd, Bunch, Harrison, Matheny

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-39-106, relative to certain information maintained in the "Sexual Offender Registration and Monitoring Act".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-39-106, is amended by deleting the first five (5) sentences of subsection (f), such sentences reading as follows:

For all sexual offenses committed on or after July 1, 1997, the information concerning a registered sexual offender set out in subdivisions (f)(1)-(9) shall be considered public information. For all sexual offenses committed on or after October 27, 2002, the information concerning a registered sexual offender set out in subdivision (f)(10) shall be considered public information. In addition to making such information available in the same manner as other public records, the bureau shall prepare and place the information on the State of Tennessee's internet home page on or before January 1, 1998. This information shall become a part of the Tennessee internet criminal information center when such center is created within the bureau. The bureau shall also establish and operate a toll-free telephone number, to be known as the "Tennessee Internet Criminal Information Center Hotline" to permit members of the public to call and inquire as to whether a named individual is listed among those who have registered as sexual offenders as required by this chapter.

and substituting instead the following:

For all sexual offenses committed on or after July 1, 1997, the information concerning a registered sexual offender set out in subdivisions (f)(1)-(10) shall be considered public information. In addition to making such information available in the same manner as other public records, the bureau shall prepare and place the information on the State of Tennessee's internet home page. The information contained in subdivision (f)(10) pertaining to sexual offenses committed between July 1, 1997, and October 27, 2002, shall be placed on the State of Tennessee's internet home page by October 1, 2004. All such information shall become a part of the Tennessee internet criminal information center when such center is created within the bureau. The bureau shall also establish and operate a toll-free telephone number, to be known as the "Tennessee Internet Criminal Information Center Hotline" to permit members of the public to call and inquire as to whether a named individual is listed among those who have registered as sexual offenders as required by this chapter.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 21, 2004

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APPROVED this 10th day of May 2004

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